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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Utility Model Registration No. 2587180, which corresponds to Japanese Publication No. 6-68509A and U.S. Patent No. 5,469,605 - The relevance of

this document is discussed at pages 1 and 8 of the specification of the present application and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,469,605. An English-language abstract of the document is also is enclosed.

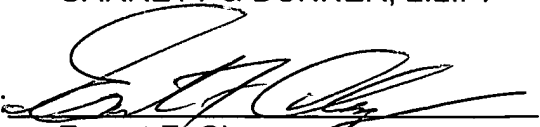
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